

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In response to the objections to the specification, please amend the specification as shown below:

Please amend the paragraph on page 1 beginning immediately after the title and before the first line of the Background Of The Invention, as follows:

This application is a division of Application No. 09/301,581, filed April 29, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6, 210,051, which is a division of Application No. 08/786,992, filed January 23, 1997 ~~December 10, 1998~~, now U.S. Patent No. 5,924,802.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 13, and ending at page 25, line 2, as follows:

As described above, according to the embodiments, the device ID of the printer is changed on the printer side, in correspondence with an optional device attached to the printer, and the device ID is discriminated on the host computer side. Thus, a printer driver corresponding to the optional device attached to the printer can be appropriately supported for printing. Further, if a currently operative printer is inappropriate, printing is not performed, and a ~~an~~ warning message is displayed to inform an operator that printing is impossible. This prevents printing using an inappropriate printer driver, thus avoiding printer error, and further, prevents various inconveniences occur in the host computer and the printer, caused by printing with inappropriate printer driver.